

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK----- x
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA----- :
- v. -

WENDELL JONES,

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Defendant.: **PRELIMINARY ORDER OF
FORFEITURE AS TO
SUBSTITUTE ASSETS**

: 19 Cr. 700 (VB)

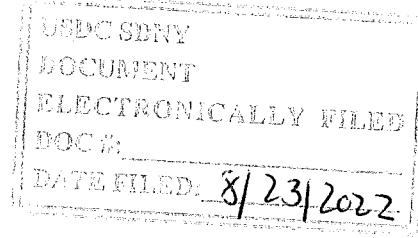
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WHEREAS, on or about September 30, 2019, WENDELL JONES (the “defendant”) was charged in a one-count Indictment, 19 Cr. 700 (VB) (the “Indictment”), with conspiring to distribute 280 grams and more of cocaine base, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(A), 846;

WHEREAS, on or about February 10, 2021, the defendant pled guilty to Count One of the S6 Superseding Information, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(b)(1)(C) and 846, pursuant to a plea agreement with the Government;

WHEREAS, on or about May 14, 2021, the Court entered a Consent Preliminary Order of Forfeiture/Money Judgment (the “Order of Forfeiture”), imposing a money judgment against the defendant in the amount of \$3,000 (the “Money Judgment”), representing the amount of any and all property constituting or derived from any proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the offense charged in Count One of the Information and any and all property used or intended to be used in any manner or part to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offense charged in Count One of the Information;

WHEREAS, to date, the Money Judgment against the defendant remains unpaid;



WHEREAS, as a result of acts and omissions of the defendant, the United States has not been able to locate, obtain or collect assets traceable to the proceeds of the defendant's offense, despite the exercise of due diligence in investigating the assets of the defendant; and

WHEREAS, the Government has identified the following specific asset in which the defendant has an ownership interest:

- a. \$3,000 in United States currency seized from the defendant at the time of his arrest on or about October 3, 2019 (the "Substitute Asset");

NOW IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. All of the defendant's right, title and interest in the Substitute Asset is hereby forfeited to the United States of America, for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n).

2. Upon entry of a Final Order of Forfeiture, the Substitute Asset shall be applied towards the satisfaction of the Money Judgment entered against the defendant.

3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n)(1), Rule 32.2(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules G(4)(a)(iv)(C) and G(5)(a)(ii) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, the United States shall publish for at least thirty (30) consecutive days on the official government internet forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Substitute Assets and provide notice that any person, other than the defendant in this case, claiming an interest in the Substitute Asset must file a petition within sixty (60) days from the first day of publication of the notice on this official government internet site, or no later than thirty-five (35) days from the mailing of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

4. The notice referenced in the preceding paragraph shall state that the petition shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the petitioner's alleged interest in the Substitute Asset, shall be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the Substitute Asset and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n).

5. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person, other than the defendant, known to have an alleged interest in the Substitute Asset, as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

6. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture with respect to the Substitute Asset, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

7. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Substitute Assets, and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(e).

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8. The Clerk of the Court shall forward four certified copies of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Substitute Assets to Assistant United States Attorney Alexander J. Wilson, Chief of the Money Laundering and Transnational Criminal Enterprises Unit, United States Attorney's Office, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, New York, 10007.

Dated: White Plains, New York
August 23, 2022

SO ORDERED:



HONORABLE VINCENT BRICCETTI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE